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**AMENDMENT AS A SUBMISSION WITH A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED  
EXAMINATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.114**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action mailed July 12, 2007, please amend the application as follows and consider the remarks set forth below.

**Amendments to the Claims** begin on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 18 of this paper.